ND NATIONAL GUARD

Child & Youth Program

November 2010



2010 NDNG HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thank you so much for those who were able to participate and attend the National Guard Halloween Party. The kids, parents and staff had a wonderful time. A special thanks to the participating offices – without your support, this event would not be what it is every year. The displays this year were simply amazing. Congrats again to Human Resources Office for Best Decorated Office. If you did not receive an email from me with your Halloween picture, please let me know. We look forward to next year!!



Sesame Street Webinar Talk, Listen, Connect for Military Families Webinar Tues., Dec. 7, 10, 12:00 PM

Developed in conjunction with military and mental health experts, "Talk, Listen, Connect" is a bilingual, multimedia outreach program designed to help military families with young children coping with challenging transitions in their lives.

During the webinar, trauma experts, military experts, and members of the Sesame Workshop Team will share clips from the "Talk, Listen, Connect" initiative, discuss key lessons learned during the development process, and review how clinicians and caregivers can use "Talk, Listen, Connect" to help military families and children.

To Join the Webinar:

Step 1: Create an account (free) at http://learn.nctsn.org/login/signup.php

Step 2: Check your email and confirm your account (click on link)

Step 3: Login at http://learn.nctsn.org/ and enroll in the Military

Family Learning Community Master Speaker

Series<http://learn.nctsn.org/course/category.php?id=10> course listing

Step 4: Login to participate!

FRG members!! If you are interested in volunteering with the NDNG Child & Youth Program as your unit's Volunteer Youth Coordinator, please let me know! We are always looking for adults and youth to help with events, trainings, community outreach and supporting National Guard children & youth!

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Military Child Education Coalition: Living in the New Normal

March 5, 2011 * Best Western Ramkota Inn, Bismarck

LINN encourages families to ensure their children have the tools to weather life's storms, fosters homefront efforts to support military children, and provides educators and other concerned adults with information to help them support children during times of uncertainty, trauma, and grief. LINN's efforts are predicated on the belief that children are courageous and resilient and that these skills can be strengthened through deliberate encouragement by the adults in their lives. Registration will be online soon at: www.MilitaryChild.org, click the Upcoming Trainings tab









Join us on Facebook!

North Dakota National Guard Youth

ND National Guard 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

- •Are you a military youth between the ages of 12-17?
- •Do you want to meet new friends & get involved in your community?
- •Do you like to hang out & have fun!?
- •Are you a role model or leader?

If you said YES... Be sure to join the Youth Council!

We can provide information on how to work your life around deployments & military, connect you with organizations, provide information on scholarship opportunities, TRAVEL!, and more!!

Fill out an application on www.ndguard.com under the Youth Program tab!

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving!!





Hang Out With Horses

Equine Assisted Learning Day Camp for Military Youth December 5, 2010



Discover the power of the human-animal connection!

With horses as teachers, learn to become a better team player, develop effective problem solving skills, reduce stress and anxiety, and improve communication skills.

Youth will do goundwork with horses in non-mounted activities including:

- Learn to identify the anatomy of the horse
- Identify horses by color and markings
- Learn to safely work with horses
- Explore general horse behavior
- Learn to interpret equine body language

And other fun activities with horses!

Group 1-Campers 6-12 yrs

8:30am: Bus leaves from Armed Forces Reserve Center, Fargo

9:00am: ROAW Session

Noon: Lunch

1:00pm: arrive back at AFRC

All Military Kids Welcome!

Group 2-Campers 13 and up

11:30am: Bus leaves from AFRC

Noon: Lunch at ROAW

1:00pm: ROAW Session

5:00pm: Arrive back at AFRC

Fee: \$10

Register online: www.ndsu.edu/4h/programs_events/omk

For more info contact: diane.f.hahn@ndsu.edu

Participants learn about themselves, about the horses, and build skills they can carry forward into their lives.

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Free Respite Child Care for Deployed Soldiers

The United States Army Child, Youth and School Services (CYSS) is making Respite Child Care services available for you. Give Army Parents a Break Respite Child Care will provide your family with 8 to 16 hours* of free child care** each month for each of your eligible children. You can use this time to run errands, attend appointments, or just take some well-deserved time out for yourself. NACCRRA will reimburse your provider for eligible care at the Army approved hourly rate.

The Army recognizes the challenges and extraordinary amounts of stress you and your family may experience when a Family member is deployed. The Army wants to help support you in meeting your unique child care needs.

Eligibility Requirements

To take advantage of the Give Army Parents a Break, you or your spouse need only be a Army Service Member in one of the following categories:

Mission Level 1 and 2 - Eligible for 16 hours/child/month

- •Deployed (for 30 days prior and 90 days after return)
- •Temporary Change of Station
- Permanent Change of Station
- •TDY (90-129 days)
- •Wounded, Ill, Injured
- Survivors of Fallen Warriors

Mission Level 3 - Eligible for 8 hours/child/month

- •Recruiters and Drill Sergeants
- Cadet Command
- •Rear Detachment Cadre only May-September

Level 3 has not been approved by DoD yet.



For more information about other programs for Army Families, click here.



Participation Requirements

To participate, you only need to fill out and submita shortapplication and choose a state-licensed child care provider. You can download an application at provider who meets the requirements to serve your family, you can Contact Child Care Aware at 1-800-424-2246 for a personal consultation or providers already pre-qualified to serve Army Families in your area.

Take some time out for yourself. Take advantage of this opportunity to receive 8-16 hours of free respite child care* each month. Submit your application to day!

For more information about the *Give Army Parents a Break* program, please call Child Care Aware@at 1-800-424-2246

Child Care Aware® is a program of NACCRRA, the National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies. Through its national toll-free hotline and Web site, Child Care Aware® helps parents find the best information on locating high-quality child care and child care resources in their community. Child Care Aware® also helps military families by directing them to appropriate military programs and helping them determine their eligibility for child care fee assistance. To learn more, visit www.childcareaware.org.

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YOUTH SYMPOSIUM?

Friday, March 4 – Sunday, March 6 8 p.m. – 11: 30 a.m. Ramkota Inn, Bismarck, ND

Your child will NOT want to miss this awesome, fun filled weekend! Our National Guard youth will be busy meeting military youth, visiting with NDNG senior leadership, listening to national motivational speakers, touring our State's capitol, and much more!!

REGISTER NOW!

The Youth Symposium is held in conjunction with the TAG Symposium on Families & Professional Development Workshop. If you plan on using childcare (0-7) for either conference, please register your children below. Children 8 & older will automatically attend the Youth Symposium with age specific groups (8 - 12 / 13 - 17).

Please return form to: Jessica Clark-Woinarowicz * State Youth Coordinator * PO Box 5511, Bismarck, ND 58506-5511 * 701-333-4822 * j.clarkwoinarowicz@us.army.mil

Name:					
Age:	Male / Female:	Youth's Cell Phone:			
Youth's Email Address:					
Address:		City:		State / Zip:	
Parent's Names:					
Cell Phone Number:			Home Phone Number:		
Email Address:					
Are you attending the Professional Development Workshop and/or TAG Symposium on Families? If yes, please annotate which one.					
If no and you live outside the 50 mile radius, will your child need a ride to Bismarck and/or hotel room?					



Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute® Military Child Education Coalition™

Registration Form – January 12-13, 2011, Fargo, ND

The Military Child Education Coalition's™ Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute® is a professional development program for educators and professionals to reach out in a support network to the children and families of the National Guard and Reserve. The conference includes two continental breakfasts, two lunches, two break refreshments and conference materials (no registration, meal, or resource material cost to participants). The curriculum, content, process, and delivery are correlated with the National Staff Development Council's Standards and the National Standards for School Counseling Programs. Because the Institute is very interactive and participation is required to fully benefit from this training, participants must commit to attend both days.

Date: January 12-13, 2011 (training is a two-day session (12 full seat hours required for institute credit – attendance both full days required – no partial attendance accepted)

Training: Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute®

Location: Holiday Inn

3803 13th Ave S. Fargo, ND 58103

Time: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm (registration and continental breakfast at 8:00 am)

Deadline for registration: January 7, 2011 Register on line at http://www.militarychild.org (Upcoming Trainings)

For your information, educational credits are available. Fees are to be paid at the G&R Institute.

Cost: None -Funded by OSD

Register on line at http://www.MilitaryChild.org or fax registration to 254-953-1925, Attn: Laura Wood.

Confirmation: You will receive an email confirmation, within 10 business days

Printed Name (as will appear on certificate)

For more information about the Supporting Children of the National Guard and Reserve Institute®, please contact Laura Wood at 254-953-1923 or Laura.Wood@militarychild.org.

I understand that participants are required to attend both full days of training. No partial attendance is accepted due to conformance with IACET standards.

Signature

Date



COMING TOGETHER AROUND MILITARY FAMILIES"

RESOURCES DEVELOPED BY MILITARY PROJECTS AT ZERO TO THREE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, AND Professionals who are supporting military families with very young children — available free of charge!

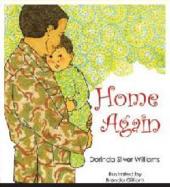
- COMING TOGETHER AROUND MILITARY FAMILIES E-NEWSLETTER: Sign up for our quarterly newsletter. It will keep you informed and share best practices used by many in the field to support military families.
- YOUNG CHILDREN ON THE HOMEFRONT: FAMILY STORIES, FAMILY STRENGTHS VIDEO: This video stars military families, as well as
 early childhood professionals, who offer tips and strategies for supporting children before, during, and after a deployment.
- HYSES AND ASTICLES: Download parent flyers and articles that emphasize the importance of supporting babies and toddlers during deployment and relocation
- * COMING TOGETHER AROUND MILITARY FAMILIES "CAMERA-READY" ARTICLE SET: Each of the five articles in this set addresses a topic of interest to military families with young children in accessible, parent-friendly language.
- TM HERE FOR YOU NOW! This children's board book offers a young child the reassurance that, no matter what the circumstances, the child will be loved, nurtured, and protected. The soothing refrain, "I'm Here for You Now" serves as a calming reminder of that promise.
- HOME AGAIN! This children's board book is designed to support young children, as well as their parents and caregivers, through
 post-deployment reunification. This book addresses family change and connectedness from the young child's perspective, capturing the
 range of emotions and experiences that can be associated with post-deployment reunification.

VISIT WWW.ZEROTOTHREE.ORG/MILITARY

WWW.MILITARYONESOURCE.COM







Military Projects (www.zerotothree.org/military) seeks to increase awareness and collaboration throughout the military community so that parents and professionals can more effectively care for very young children and their families.

ZERO TO THREE (www.zerotothree.org) is a national nonprofit that promotes the health and development of infants and toddlers. The organization informs, trains and supports professionals, policymakers and parents in their efforts to improve the lives of infants and toddlers.

APRIL 8-9, 2011 BEST WESTERN DOUBLEWOOD INN BISMARCK, N.D.

Register for this training online at www.zerotothree.org/ctamf